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I CALLED ON COUVE DE MURVILLE AT NOON TODAY AND GAVE HIM THE COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO DE GAULLE. HE TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE IT TO THE GENERAL IMMEDIATELY.

I ALSO GAVE HIM THE BRIEFING MATERIAL CONTAINED IN TOPOL 578 AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF THE KRUSHCHEV COMMUNICATION OF OCTOBER 26. HE HAD ALREADY HAD THE PUBLIC TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY REFERRING TO BOTH LETTERS. HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION OF THE SHIFT IN SOVIET POSITION AS SET FORTH IN THE PUBLIC LETTER RAISING THE QUESTION OF THE BASES IN TURKEY. HE DID HOWEVER SAY THAT HE APPROVED OF THE LINE THE PRESIDENT HAD TAKEN IN HIS PUBLIC REPLY AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE SAW LITTLE ADVANTAGE IN ANY ATTEMPT TO LINK NATO QUESTIONS WITH THAT OF CUBA. HE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THE SOVIET DISREGARD OF THE INTERESTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN EVEN OFFERING A DEAL OF THIS KIND.

HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT ONE OF THE CHIEF REASONS DE GAULLE WAS NOT DESIROUS OF SEEING ME AT COLOMBEY TODAY IS THAT WHILE IT IS UNLIKELY IF THE REFERENDUM TURNS OUT BADLY DE GAULLE WILL RESIGN AND STAY AT COLOMBEY, HE THEREFORE SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE MUCH CHANCE TO GET ANY DEFINITE REACTION FROM DE GAULLE TODAY. ASSUMING THE REFERENDUM IS SATISFACTORY DE GAULLE WILL BE BACK IN PARIS AROUND NOON.

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-2- 1976, OCTOBER 28, 2 PM, FROM PARIS

TOMORROW AND COUVE IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE ME IF THERE IS ANY PARTICULAR MATTER FOR ME TO TAKE UP.

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